



MINUTES

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION JUNE 16, 2010

**Call to Order/
Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Siersema, who led Commissioners and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioners Absent: O'Connell, Rivera

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Herbel, McGovern, Kirkorn, and Siersema were in attendance.

Others Present: Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works
Tony Olmos, City Engineer
Todd Broussard, Principal Civil Engineer
Howard Johnson, Utilities Manager
William Janusz, Principal Engineer
Linda Daily, Project Manager
Joyce Greene, Administrative Assistant

RECESS MEETING TO 3:20 PM – CITY WATER UTILITY YARD

3:20 PM - RECONVENE MEETING AT CITY WATER UTILITY YARD
Eric Charlonne, Construction Manager, and Howard Johnson, Utilities Manager, provided the Public Works Commissioners with a tour and overview of the remodel of the Utilities Yard.

RECESS MEETING TO 4:00 PM – SLATER AVENUE REHABILITATION PROJECT

4:00 PM - RECONVENE MEETING AT SLATER AVENUE REHABILITATION PROJECT
Tony Olmos reviewed the Slater Avenue rehabilitation project. He also provided information on the pavement index and how streets are rated.

Commissioner Kirkorn inquired about additional street lighting being installed during the reconstruction process on Slater.

RECESS MEETING TO 4:25 PM –SLATER STORM WATER PUMP STATION

4:25 PM - RECONVENE MEETING AT SLATER STORM WATER PUMP STATION

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Howard Johnson provided an overview of the pump station, equipment and operation.

RECESS MEETING TO 4:50 PM – WARNER FIRE STATION

4:50 PM - RECONVENE MEETING AT WARNER FIRE STATION PARKING LOT

Todd Broussard provided information on the 37 bridges within the city, 36 which are maintained by the city. The city has received some funding for bridge maintenance through the State of California.

RECESS MEETING TO 6:00 PM – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:00 PM - RECONVENE MEETING IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Commissioner Spencer arrived at 6:00 PM

C. PRESENTATIONS-COMMENDATIONS

None

D. MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Kirkorn, seconded by Commissioner McGovern to include the proposed amendment to the minutes of May 19, 2010 to include the following:

Chair Siersema requested the PowerPoint presentations he prepared and presented to City Council on May 3, 2010 and May 17, 2010, regarding City Charter Sections 617 and 614 are included in the official minutes of the Public Works Commission. A print out of presentations was provided to the Public Works Commission secretary for filing with official meeting documents for the permanent record.

Commissioner McGovern provided a written copy of comments he made at City Council meetings on April 19, 2010 and May 3, 2010 regarding proposed revisions to the City Charter related to Sections 617 and 614. He requested they also be included in the official record of the Public Works Commission.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (O'Connell, Rivera)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

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Motion by Commissioner Kirkorn, seconded by Commissioner Spencer to approve the minutes of May 19, 2010 as amended.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (O'Connell, Rivera)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

John Trevennen spoke to item H-1 representing a group of local residents in attendance. He expressed his opposition to the removal of the striped crosswalk at Heil Avenue and Bradbury Lane and requested the Public Works Commissioners vote against the removal.

Due to the expected length of the meeting, a request was made to hear item H-1 out of order to allow the public to be able to leave after the item of interest.

Motion by Commissioner Kirkorn, seconded by Commissioner Spencer to hear item H-1 out of agenda order.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (O'Connell, Rivera)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

- H-1. Removal of Crosswalk on Heil Avenue at Bradbury Lane – Bill Janusz presented the item and gave a brief background on the project. In conjunction with the construction of a traffic signal, which will provide a protected crossing at Heil Avenue and Trudy Lane, staff is recommending the removal of a striped crosswalk at the intersection of Heil Avenue and Bradbury Lane.

Commissioner Kirkorn asked what is the negative to leaving the marked crosswalk and if the crossing guard could be retained. Mr. Janusz responded students would be drawn to the unprotected crosswalk rather than using the protected one. The crossing guards are Police Department Contract employees and are under consideration to be eliminated. The crossing guard at Bradbury and Heil will continue until at least the end of the school year. It is reasonable to assume that students would go to the signaled intersection if no crossing guard was available.

Commissioner Kirkorn then asked if with previous crosswalk striping removal had a park been involved. Mr. Janusz responded striped crosswalks are only at school crossing sights and a nearby park was not part of the criteria. History has determined that pedestrians are more alert when crossing at a cross walk that is not striped. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Commissioner Herbel, seconded by Commissioner McGovern to direct staff to take the necessary steps to remove the school crosswalk across the west leg of the intersection of Heil Avenue and Bradbury Lane.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 3 (Herbel, McGovern, Spencer)
NOES: 2 (Kirkorn, Siersema)
ABSENT: 2 (O'Connell, Rivera)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

F. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

- F-1. Fiscal Year 2010/11 CIP Projects Review – Travis Hopkins informed the Commission the current CIP is in draft form with changes to be incorporated and the final report will be presented to the Public Works Commission at the July meeting for approval. The presentation tonight is for information purposes only. He then turned the presentation over to Tony Olmos.

Tony Olmos made a PowerPoint presentation summary of the projected projects. Questions were answered as the Commission progressed through the presentation. The new appropriations for FY 2010/11 are \$16,674,600 and continuing appropriations of \$9,499,900. The decrease in funds available for projects is related to the decrease in the economy and a reduction in available grants. Enterprise funds are a major source of funding for the next fiscal year projects which will be sewer and water projects.

Commissioner McGovern inquired if there was a way to prioritize projects by need. Travis Hopkins responded many projects are funding driven and are prioritized within the available funding areas.

Commissioner Herbel questioned Enterprise funds and if they always maintain a large surplus of funds. Travis Hopkins responded part of the reserve will be used for upcoming projects. A reserve policy is being developed.

Commissioner Spencer left at 7:00 PM

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

- G-1. Active Capital Project Report – Tony Olmos provided updates on various projects and then asked for questions.

Newland Street widening is now complete.

Federal Stimulus Arterial Rehab, on Slater, Graham to Goldenwest is now complete.

Arterial Rehab Phase 2 is scheduled to go to City Council for award June 21, 2010. The Slater section, Newland to Beach, will be the first portion under construction and scheduled to be completed during summer months to not impact school traffic.

Murdy Community Center Roof is now under construction.

Chair Siersema inquired on the Downtown LED Streetlights. Bill Janusz responded two test areas have been selected for trial. Equipment to be installed if the vendor can meet city criteria. Discussion ensued on downtown street lighting.

- G-2. Upcoming City Council Study Sessions – July 19, 2010 will be the briefing on the Central County Corridor which is the extension of the 57 freeway.

H. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- H-2. Sewer Lining Project, CC 1339 – Todd Broussard presented the item and began with a brief history. Sewer lines in the downtown area and close to the ocean have now been completed. The project continues by moving inward. A tract in need of sewer lining has been identified by the Sewer Maintenance Division as a priority for this year. General neighborhood borders are Adams Avenue, Bushard Street, Cape Cod Drive and Chesapeake Lane.

Motion by Commissioner Herbel, seconded by Commissioner McGovern to recommend to the City Council the Sewer Lining Project, CC 1339.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (O'Connell, Rivera)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

H-3. Reconstruct Residential Tree Petition Streets, CC 1374 – Todd Broussard presented the project. The project will reconstruct three streets through the Residential Tree Petition Streets program. The three streets were selected from the two lists, one list by petition date and the second list by street ranking.

Motion by Commissioner Herbel, seconded by Commissioner Kirkorn to recommend to the City Council, CC 1374, Reconstruction Residential Tree Petition Streets.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (O'Connell, Rivera)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

I. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Written communications related to item H-1 on the agenda were provided to the Commissioners at the start of the business meeting.

J. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS

Travis Hopkins spoke about the upcoming fall vote as the result of the Charter Review Commission recommendations. One vote will be on Section 617 of the City Charter. If the revision passes, debt service will not be included in the calculation by 2017.

Discussion held on if the Public Works Commission could submit a written argument in favor of the change to be printed in the ballot publication. Travis Hopkins will check with the City Clerk on the process of submitting a written statement for the ballot and advise the Commissioners by email.

If the Public Works Commission can submit a statement a call for a Special Meeting may be needed to vote on the written statement. The Commissioners will be kept informed.

Commissioner Kirkorn stated with the last Monday Holiday trash pick-up service in his area was delayed to Tuesday which is street sweeping day. The sweepers are unable to get to the curb with the new trash containers required to be curb side. He asked some change be made to allow for street sweeping. He does not want the city paying for street sweeping that is not being done due to trash containers in the pathway. Travis Hopkins will investigate and respond to Commissioner Kirkorn on what provisions are being made for conflicts.

Commissioner Kirkorn commented on newly installed water meters in the city and comments were made in HB Talk. He asked if residents are notified when their meter is replaced. Travis Hopkins responded residents that are home are advised but notices have not been left where the resident is not at home. He will work with the Utilities Division on notification.

Commissioner McGovern thanked Chair Siersema for his leadership on Charter Section 617 revision recommendation. He stated the entire Commission will need to continue to work towards the successful passage of the revision and encouraged the Commissioners to continue to speak with City Council Members.

Commissioner McGovern expressed his feelings of how importing the issue is to the Commission as it was to previous Commissioners as evident through the previous actions. This is now the fourth Public Works Commission who has expressed their concerns to the City Council through written statements. Commissioner McGovern then submitted a printed format of comments he made to the City Council at the June 7, 2010 City Council Meeting and asked they be placed in the permanent Public Works Commission record.

K. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Works Commission adjourned to the meeting date of Wednesday, July 21, 2010, 5:00 p.m., City Council Chambers. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Michael Siersema
Chair

Joyce Greene
Administrative Assistant

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